REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	26 February 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	SM Volume 1 Tia's Rape and Torture
Other Known Titles:	Rape Vol 1, Rape Volume 1 Tia's Rape & Torture
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	SM Volume 1 Tia's Rape and Torture	Running time:	49.28
Trailers:	Scorpio Productions Notice	Running time:	0.04
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.06
		Total Running time:	49.38

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *SM Volume 1 Tia's Rape and Torture* is classified as: Objectionable.

This video recording promotes and supports the use of violence and coercion to compel persons to participate in and submit to sexual conduct. The video consists of a rape scenario in which two men threaten, abuse and physically restrain a woman during sexual activity. The sexual activity itself is rough and aggressive. Depictions of sex are explicit and intended to sexually arouse the viewer.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) protects the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form. However, this video recording falls under one of the deeming provisions of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the FVPC Act). The deeming provisions of the FVPC Act override s14 of the NZBR Act.

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